AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [030] on page 6 of the specification as follows:

Fig. 3 illustrates the flow of server computer protection apparatus 103 consistent with an aspect of the present invention. First, client 101 establishes a connection with server 103 (stage 300). After client 101 has established a connection with server 104 through server computer protection apparatus 103, client 101 transmits a request for data necessary for a process to the server 104 though server computer protection apparatus 103 (stage 302). On this occasion, data request acceptance unit 201 accepts the data request, and the number of requests accepted is measured by "number of data requests" measurement unit 203, or request measurement unit 203 (stage 304).

Please amend paragraph [031] beginning at page 6 of the specification as follows:

Then, the request accepted by data request acceptance unit 201 is transferred toward server 104 by data request transfer unit 202 (stage 306). In response, server 104 transmits the data corresponding to the transferred request, toward client 101 which made the request through the server computer protection apparatus 103 (stage 308). On this occasion, "number of data supplies" measurement unit 204, or response measurement unit 204, included in server computer protection apparatus 103 measures

the number of the completions of the accepted requests transmitted by server 104 (stage 310). That is, when all responses to the clients 101 have been completed, the number of accepted requests as measured by "number of data requests" measurement unit 203 agrees with the number of completed requests as measured by "number of data supplies" measurement unit 204.

Please amend paragraph [036] on page 8 of the specification as follows:

As described above, when the difference between the number of accepted requests and the number of completed requests becomes small, response probability calculation unit 205 judges the load of server 104 is light, and response probability calculation unit 205 calculates the response probability to be high. In contrast, when the difference between the numbers of accepted and completed requests becomes large, response probability calculation unit 205 judges the load of server 104 is heavy, and response probability calculation unit 205 calculates the response probability to be low. That is, response probability calculation unit 205 may also be referred to as a server load calculation unit.